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stances that have to come into existence for the expenditure of that money do not exist. If the Legislature can declare an emergency and take charge of the fund and spend it, that's a different matter. Apparently, those situations, those circumstances, don't exist. So here's what I say if you really are sincere, forget about the resolution. Resolutions often . . . pardon me Senator George, but like Shakespeare said "full of sound and furry signifying nothing". Why not appropriate some money? Senator Keyes, this is the last question and I'll be through. Would you be in favor of the Legislature making a specific appropriation, forgetting about the precedent it may set, to deal with this situation?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Chambers, I think that the Legislature has when it's set up an emergency fund to meet these emergencies. I believe that in the budget this year there is \$300,000 to add to the emergency fund for the money that has been withdrawn for snow removal, etc. in the last year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here. . .

SENATOR KEYES: We are making an appropriation of \$300,000 for an emergency. This just declares that this shall be an emergency.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here's what I'm trying to get to, this resolution . . . do you think this resolution's passage can compel the Governor to spend that money?

SENATOR KEYES: I don't think that we can compel the Governor to do anything, except by 30 votes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if he chooses not to spend the money, even with the passage of this resolution, are we right back where we are now?

SENATOR KEYES: Except that we have let the people know, and we are right where I will start in with some other means to get these people protected.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would that other means be to appropriate money?

SENATOR KEYES: That would be one of the things that I would consider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well I want to be specific. Is that what you intend to do? You will . . . I'll tell you what, if you promise to approp . . . put an appropriation bill in here I'll sign the resolution, only so that we can clear the way for you to offer this appropriation measure. I'll oppose it because I'm opposed to the principle of what's being done here. I'll help you clear the way to that appropriation measure. Will you introduce an appropriation bill if the Governor does not spend the money upon passage of this resolution?